

LEESBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

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September 11, 2011

*Standing on the past . . .
Reaching for the future*

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

10:00 a.m.

When the church bell is rung let us be silent for worship.

**Please stand if able*

PRELUDE

THE GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wherever you may be in the journey of faith, Leesburg Presbyterian Church welcomes you. We are a community where persons from different faith backgrounds and understandings find unity in the wide embrace of Christ's love and call to service. If you are passing through, we extend God's blessing to you as you continue on your way. If you are seeking a home, we invite you to join us in the adventure of serving Jesus Christ in a challenging world.

*INTROIT

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord 2035

The musical notation is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "Praise, praise, praise the Lord." The second staff continues with: "Praise God's ho - ly name, Al - le - lu - ia." The third and fourth staves repeat the second staff's lyrics. The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Let us sing our praises to God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Howard Thurman (1900-1981)

Open unto me---light for my darkness.
Open unto me—courage for my fear.
Open unto me---hope for my despair.
Open unto me---peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me---joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me---strength for my weakness.
Open unto me---wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me---forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me---love for my hates.
Open unto me—thy Self for my self.
Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

(silence is kept)

Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *God Is Our Refuge*

Allen Pote

***THE DOXOLOGY #592**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

We offer the treasures of this world as a way of recalling all of us to a right relationship with you, O God, the source of all wisdom and truth. To learn from you and to serve you is our highest joy. May our offerings and our daily lives communicate this message. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Pew Bible Pg. 20

SERMON

Rev. Deborah Dodson Parsons

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A BIDDING PRAYER WITH CHOIR MEDITATIVE RESPONSE

On God Alone I Wait Silently

STRONG TOWER

A New Hymn for the Tenth Anniversary of September 11th

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

LLANGLOFFAN

(sung to the tune of *Lead On, O King Eternal*, Hymn #448)

**O God, our hearts were shattered on that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered to grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it had just been torn apart.**

**We heard of those who perished — of heroes' sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish the gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; we hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, "Can peace be found here? We can't let terror win!"**

**God, give us faith and wisdom to be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen to truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction will be the victor here.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ASSISTING:	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Liturgist:	Stu Brown	Steve Potter
Ushers:	Andy and Sheryl Tompkins	The Koochagian Family

The roses on the altar are given today by Linda and Bob Duffey in memory of all who tragically lost their lives on September 11, 2011 – especially acknowledging the crew and passengers on United Airlines flight #93, which went down in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. By their brave actions, they so valiantly prevented further tragedy to our nation's capital.